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SUBJECT: TURKEY WILL CONDITION OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR AIR
KORYO FLIGHT ON INSPECTION OF AIRCRAFT AND CARGO

REF: A. SECSTATE 13637

1B. SECSTATE 10930

Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Carl Siebentritt, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (S) We delivered ref a demarche to MFA Department Head for Nonproliferation and Disarmament Elif Ulgen on February 11. Given the likelihood that the cargo contained in this flight may be in violation of UNSCR 1718, Ulgen said the MFA had decided to require an inspection of the aircraft and cargo as a condition for granting overflight clearance for the reftel Air Koryo flight. Ulgen reported that the MFA has already alerted the Turkish Civil Aviation Directorate General about the flight. Civil aviation authorities will notify the MFA immediately should they receive a request from Air Koryo for overflight clearance. Ulgen pledged to pass ref a updated information about the flight to the Turkish Civil Aviation Directorate General and other relevant government entities.

12. (S) We followed up February 12 with MFA Deputy Director General for Aviation and Maritime Affairs Basat Ozturk. Ozturk confirmed receipt of updated information concerning the flight and reiterated Turkey's intention to require the Air Koryo aircraft to land for inspection should overflight clearance be requested.

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